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In regard to the application of Hawkins, et al. entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROTECTING INNERLINER OF A GREEN TIRE being filed concurrently herewith, the attached Form PTO-1449 is being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR 1.56 and 37 CFR 1.97 through 1.99.

No prior art search was conducted at the Patent and Trademark Office prior to the preparation of this application.

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